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# **PRESS RELEASE**

**March 8, 2006**

## **CONTRACTOR SENTENCED IN CITY BRIBERY CASE**

**RE: UNITED STATES v. FRANK GUIDO**

Acting United States Attorney Kathleen M. Mehltreter announced today that Frank Guido, age 38, of Rochester, New York, was sentenced by United States District Court Judge Charles J. Siragusa to five years probation and fined \$5,000, in connection with his guilty plea on December 5, 2005 to perjury in the grand jury, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §1623, which carries a maximum sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that the defendant was the owner of a construction company in Rochester. During the years 2002 through 2004, the defendant provided kickbacks to City of Rochester rehabilitation specialists. The defendant provided these kickbacks in order to insure that he received projects from the City of Rochester which were funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The rehabilitation specialists to whom the defendant provided kickbacks included Mark Stedman and David Lippa.

On March 8, 2005, the defendant testified in the federal grand jury impaneled in October 2004 in Rochester, New York in the Western District of New York, in connection with an investigation regarding whether City of Rochester rehabilitation specialists were receiving kickbacks from him. In the grand jury, the defendant testified that he had not paid kickbacks to Lippa and Stedman. However, the defendant knew at the time of his testimony in the grand jury that he had in fact paid substantial kickbacks to Lippa and Stedman, and that such information was substantial to the government's investigation.

The defendant is the sixth individual convicted in the investigation regarding kickbacks paid to city employees.

The conviction was the culmination of an joint investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Inspector General, under the direction of Ruth Ritzema, and the United States Postal Inspection Service, under the direction of William E. Kezer.